

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A device for transporting persons along a staircase, comprising:

a frame displaceable along a guide;

a drive to be selectively set into operation for displacing the frame along the guide; and

a chair on the frame on which a person for transporting can be seated,

wherein the chair comprises a seat part and a back rest, wherein at least the seat part on the side directed toward the back rest can be pivoted up and downward in a pivoting movement on a substantially horizontal pivot axis and forms a guide during standing up or sitting down, wherein the frame and the seat part are connected to a guide mechanism for guiding the movement of the seat part relative to the frame, wherein the guide mechanism comprises a rod construction coupled by means of hinges, and wherein the hinges in the rod construction form a parallelogram.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 19, wherein

the back rest is connected to the seat part and co-displaces in substantially upright position with the seat part.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 19 ~~24~~, wherein the back rest and the seat part are connected by means of the guide mechanism.

23. and 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 19 ~~24~~, wherein rods in the rod construction are flat and plate-like and fold adjacently of each other into the guide mechanism in a position of the seat part folded down onto the frame.

26. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 19 ~~24~~, wherein ~~the hinges in the rod construction form a parallelogram, of which two hinges of the parallelogram~~ which lie ~~lying~~ at corner points of the parallelogram are fixed to the frame in stationary manner relative thereto, and the other two hinge points are coupled to the seat surface.

27. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 26, wherein the rods between the two sets of pivot points have a curved form.

28. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 26, wherein

the back rest is coupled to the two remaining pivot points.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 19 ~~24~~, wherein the guide mechanism defines a non-stationary horizontal pivot axis which during the pivoting movement substantially follows the movement in space of pivot points of legs of a user in the pelvis thereof.

31. and 32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 19, further comprising at least one arm rest.

34. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 33, wherein the arm rest is connected to the seat part and co-displaces in substantially upright position with the seat part.

35. and 36. (Canceled)